

I CLAIM:

1. A new and distinct *Syringa meyeri* x *Syringa microphylla* plant having the following combination of characteristics:

- (a) exhibits a rounded uniform compact growth habit,
- (b) forms attractive trusses of fragrant red purple blossoms
- 5        in late spring that fade to lavender pink,
- (c) is relatively free of insect and disease problems, and
- (d) is well-suited for growing as a distinctive ornamental shrub in the landscape;

substantially as illustrated and described.